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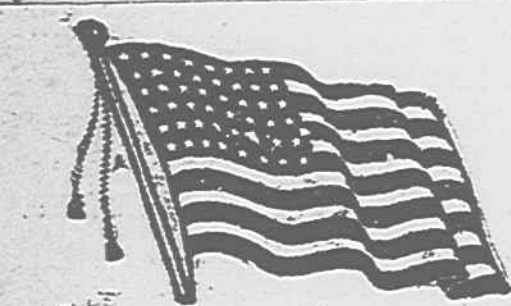
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WAR WORK COMMITTEES.

FAIRMONT'S Elks lodge has set the other lodges and orders of the community a most excellent example in the appointment of a War work committee which is to cooperate with the county, state and national councils of defense. It is to be hoped that the other organizations of this character will follow suit as soon as is possible, for there is real need of bringing all organized bodies of whatever character directly in line with the war work. The membership can be reached so much more quickly and effectively through such a medium than when they have to be sought out as individuals.

Of course each lodge, club and order would have to follow plans in the formation of its War Work committee which will suit its own particular needs, but it seems to us that there is one idea in the scheme as it was adopted by the Elks which might very well be used by all—the rapid rotation in the committee. The Elks committee must be appointed every six weeks and there must be at least one new member each time.

This will insure that new blood and new ideas will be coming into the committee constantly. Inasmuch as the duty of the committee will be to find ways in which the lodge can be of service to the nation the rotation ought to be productive of a great amount of real service in the course of a year.

It probably was not mere chance that produced this fine idea first in an Elks lodge. Of the many fine fraternal bodies we have in the United States none is more patriotic than the Elks, and it is the noble patriotism of service which they preach. But all lodges are patriotic bodies these days, and we expect to see all of them adopt the War Work committee idea.

OHIO AND THE COAL PROBLEM.

WE gather from the testimony before the Senate investigating committee of James A. Dugan, inspector of the railway division of the Ohio Utilities commission, that there would have been no fuel scarcity in the Buckeye state if the Fuel Administrator had simply followed the plan devised last summer by the state authorities of O. U. C. Perhaps he is right. If the state authorities began studying the fuel situation last summer they ought to have had a pretty good plan worked out by December. The great trouble seems to be that they neglected to tell Dr. Garfield anything about their plan until the cold wave swept down upon the country, and then they threw a monkey wrench into the whole works because the federal authorities would not roll over and play dead when Ohio told them to.

One of the things we all lose sight of at times is the huge size of this country. A man with a good telephone ear and the ability to say "no" and "yes" with sufficient decision can sit down in Berlin or London or Paris and run the country much like Andrew Carnegie used to run the steel plants at Pittsburgh. But it cannot be done in the United States. Given time, in a matter like the distribution of coal, it is possible to have one system for Ohio and another for Michigan and still have a square deal for the other states in the Union. But it takes time. Dr. Garfield was just as anxious to keep the people of Ohio from freezing to death as Governor Cox was, but he also had to look after the interests of the people of Michigan, and Governor Cox did not have to take that into consideration.

We have not the slightest doubt that if the state government of Ohio has any plans which will be useful to the federal government in mitigating the coal troubles of the nation both the Fuel administration and the active heads of the transportation system will be glad to avail themselves

of them. As all Ohio politicians, in all parties, probably employ press agents they will not be any danger that any one who makes a valuable contribution to the cause in that way will fail to get full credit for it.

COAL AND FAIRMONT.

"COAL" said President Smith Hood, of the Fairmont Trust company, to a reporter for The Times, "is the foundation upon which Marion county's prosperity is built." Rather a commonplace statement, perhaps you are tempted to say. Yes, and no. It is a fact which every one should know, but there are people here who do not understand the full importance of coal to the community and to the county at large.

There are other intricacies; important ones too, here. Gas brought some of them and oil brought others but all the time coal was the big thing and it is the coal that is going to keep all the really important capital and industry with us when the gas is gone.

And go the gas will some day even though a satisfactory adjustment of the export problem may prolong it as an industrial fuel for some time. So if it were not for the coal Fairmont would be a bad town to back even admitting that the gas fight is based upon good grounds and can be won. However, as matters stand there is no reason why the future of Fairmont is not as sure as that of the towns in the older coal regions which repaid the men who believed in them, and stuck by them during the doubtful early days, with great fortunes.

Fairmont was the pioneer coal town of the state. It will be the coal capital of the northern section when all West Virginia gets back on a coal basis. Yes, coal is the foundation of Marion county prosperity, and no wide awake citizen should permit that fact to slip from his memory for a moment.

President Wilson sprang another little surprise on Washington yesterday by advising congressmen to vote for the equal suffrage amendment to the federal constitution. It was believed that while Mr. Wilson believes in equal suffrage, he would not do this because suffrage for white citizens is a matter that always has been in control of the states. But the developments of the past year make equal suffrage inevitable, and Mr. Wilson probably feels that the quicker it is removed from the field of controversy the better it will be for the whole country.

Chaplain with the American army in France, both Catholic and Protestant, report that the morals of the men are good, and that it is their honest conviction that they would be in the service in the United States. This ought to carry comfort to many people who have been disturbed by reports, some of which have come from sources that ordinarily carry great weight, to the effect that the army in France is going to smash morally and physically about as fast as it can. We never have taken any stock in these reports, and we do feel that the agencies which have been responsible for them are going to suffer great loss in influence and prestige as a result of this misguided zeal in causes which are entirely worthy in themselves, but are always made to suffer for the narrow mindedness, the ignorance and the prejudices of their advocates.

In a statement regarding the labor supply situation of the nation yesterday Secretary of Labor Wilson said that there is unemployment in the building trades. Doubtless this is true, but it is very surprising, for at the same time there is such a shortage of housing all over the country that public aid for dwelling construction is being talked of in Congress and by the city governments in a number of municipalities throughout the country. In the end some of the plans suggested will be put into effect, and private capital, which is holding out because it cannot see big enough profits at present costs, will have permitted another opportunity for profitable investment to slip through its fingers because of its lack of courage and initiative. There is money in the construction of small houses right now in practically every growing city in the country, and no where is the prospect more inviting than right here in Fairmont.

Conditions are reported to be so bad in Russia that only the intervention of the Allies or Germany can prevent catastrophe, according to a report which comes from Petrograd by way of London. And if Germany, which is the closest, is the power that is invited to intervene the great new democracy will be mercilessly exploited. Pity the people who can not govern themselves.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

Old Man Winter is also among the "come backs."—Wheeling Intelligence.

That much heralded German drive against the Allies on the Western front may still eventuate, but evidence accumulates that the German General Staff has been bluffing.—Clarksburg Exponent.

Invaded Italy is proving herself as heroic as invaded France.—Morgantown Post-Chronicle.

A rivers and harbors bill is assured at this session of Congress, but it is just as certain it will not be a "pork" bill.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

The Russo-German peace proposals are "temporarily suspended." There are other things made or being made in Germany's which are also up in the air.—Connellsville Courier.

Now that American ball players on the first four clubs in each league will, under the new rule, share in the world's series money, they will be more reluctant than ever before about going to war.—Wheeling Register.

of our most useless citizens will be perfectly happy.

Politics is a necessary evil but some politicians—well, we wish the Kaiser had 'em.

Let's try to take the political riffle this year without making a dirty riffle of it.

Pershing is moving his headquarters out of Paris.

There'll be something doing before long unless all the signs fail.

There'll be no packet service between St. Louis and St. Paul on the Mississippi next summer.

Which makes us wonder whether there will be any on the old Monongahela?

Some day some one is going to make a fortune in a river line out of this burg.

But no one will waste any time re-lying about steamboat service if they keep the river so full of coal barges

next season that there is no room for packets.

And there will be some barges.

Don't bet any money that there won't.

Conditions are reported to be bad in Petrograd.

Don't doubt it in the least; even the wine cellars of a big town like that are bound to play out in time.

First thing they know these Bolsheviks will have to go back to work.

And when that happens they will vote the glorious revolution a complete failure.

But some of them might come here.

Lots of guys manage to live in this town without working.

T. L. Cordray, general manager of the Hall Garage Co., is in New York on a business visit.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)



WASHINGTON NEWS -- GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—Politics and privilege—the womanhood suffrage workers claim that they already have the right—have combined to put the national suffrage amendment through the House before adjournment is taken by that body today. Not deriding the strength of that combination, it is doubtful whether it will be put through.

The political phase of it was an outcropping of the last ten days of the campaign for the amendment. Suddenly, it seemed, certain high up figures in Democratic national politics were visited with a vision that unless the amendment, it would be goodnight and goodbye to the Democratic party in Congress this year, and adios and farewell to it in 1920. It was the sounding of this alarm which put the pep and the vinegar in the declining days of the fight.

Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire, and Representative Cantrill were the two foremost Democrats to trot the trumpet of alarm and the snail lobby of the National American Woman Suffrage Association were quick to hearily join in and help spread it. Cantrill's partisan appeal was sectional. It was aimed to make ten Southern states stop, look and listen. These ten states, he said, controlled thirty-one of the sixty committee chairmanships, controlled the legislation in the House, in fact, and if they persisted in their purpose to vote against the suffrage amendment, the Democratic party, he declared, might as well get ready to say farewell, farewell, to power over the government. "The South won't be able to keep control of these in face of the opposition it will encounter if these ten Southern states vote almost solidly against the amendment," declared Cantrill.

"It would be a very grave political mistake," he continued, "for the Southern congressmen to vote against the amendment. The South has everything to lose by such a shortsighted policy. The fact that the Congress is almost evenly divided between the Democratic and the Republican parties, it seems to me, should force Democratic members from the South to give heed to the situation. The Democratic party cannot go into the campaign this year with any hope of success with a large Republican vote in Congress in favor of the suffrage amendment and a large Democratic vote in Congress against the amendment. It would be 'political suicide.'"

Senator Hollis said the Democrats carried the country in 1916 on woman's suffrage by states and President Wilson's well known "Keep Us Out of War" and "If the Republican platform had been for national woman's suffrage in 1916 Judge Hughes would have been elected."

These appeals for a partisan line up cannot be said to have brought one about in the strict sense of party division. But it is believed that when the vote is taken before adjournment today it will be shown that they tended strongly to on both sides. This in fact of party expediency into the controversy was half and well met by

the universal suffragists. It was water on their wheel unexpectedly dumped. It takes partisan politics to put the proper amount of seasoning in a fight in Congress to make it a sure enough fight, and this is what the fight over the suff amendment is in the closing hours.

The House has spent the day in debating the amendment, as per the program agreed on last month, and when time is up for talk the vote will be taken. It requires a two-thirds vote to pass it, and it is not believed that the amendment can muster that many supporters, although it is conceded that it will be a close vote.

So far as is definitely known, Woodard and Neely are the only two outspoken supporters of the amendment in the West Virginia delegation in the House, and Cooper is the only outspoken opponent of it. Bowers, Reed and Littlepage have never said how they will vote. But the suffragists have not lost hope of landing the votes of Bowers and Reed when the time comes for them to go on record. Nor is hope entirely dead within them as to Littlepage. They are inclined to think that the partisan appeal of Hollis and Cantrill may line him up before it is too late. All the members of the delegation are here and, so far as is known will vote, except Congressman Cooper. He is kept at home by the very serious illness of his brother-in-law, Col. W. H. Thomas, but he has notified the peer clerk of the House to pair him as voting against the amendment.

Ray Myers, of Buckhannon, has left for his home with a batch of blank applications for the aviation service one of which he will fill out for himself and the others will be handed to other Buckhannon boys who have a strong preference for that adventurous and romantic branch of the army. Accompanied by one of Senator Smith's secretaries, young Myers talked it over with the aviation officials here and got a lot of information about that arm of the service.

Miss Dorothy McIntosh and Miss Kathleen Thompson, of Spencer, are the attractive guests of Congressman and Mrs. Harry C. Woodard at their residence on Lamont street. Mr. Pleasant.

Capt. Melvin G. Sperry, of Clarksburg, is a distinguished West Virginian here. He is accompanied by his nephew from Akron, O., who is desirous of getting into the army service.

DON'T HAVE GRAY HAIR

It's Unnecessary—La Creole Darkens It Evenly—No Dye.

No matter how gray your hair, prematurely gray, faded, bleached, streaked with gray, to restore to natural color again, all you need to do is to apply to all your hair and scalp the famous La Creole Hair Dressing. Do this just before going to bed. In a day or so you will be delighted to observe all your gray hair gradually turn to an even beautiful shade without even a trace of gray showing. La Creole restores the natural color glands so all your gray hair is naturally darkened and entire head of hair becomes soft, fluffy, long, thick and of an even beautiful, soft, dark shade. A-50 stops dandruff and falling hair, leaving your hair fascinating and abundant and radiantly dark and beautiful. Sold on money-back guarantee at drug stores, or sent prepaid for \$1.20 by Van Fleet-Mansfield Drug Co., Memphis, Tenn.—Adv.

Among the callers at Senator Smith's offices today were Frank Babb, of Keyser; Grant Lucas, of Hinton; C. S. Lantz, of Martinsburg; and Sam D. Brady, of Fairmont.

Senator Sutherland has recommended William B. Wehacker much worse, and his soldiers' training camp in Texas, for a commission as an aviator, and John A. Dilley, of Morgantown, now in camp at Jacksonville, Fla., for a commission as quartermaster.

EAST SIDE NEWS

George Granville Farrance Dead.
George Granville Farrance an aged Civil War veteran died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at his home in Haymond street. Mr. Farrance had been in failing health for several months and a few days ago was taken ill. His death was not unexpected. Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the residence conducted by Rev. John W. Brown assisted by Rev. J. E. Wells. Undertaker Musgrave is in charge.

Prayer Meeting.
An interesting prayer service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Smith last evening by the members of the Presbyterian church.

Meets Tonight.
The Aid Society of the Palatine Baptist church will meet this evening at the home of Mrs. H. P. Robinson in Columbia street.

Home from Virginia.
Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Swisher have returned from Lakota, Va., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Childers and family during the holidays.

Ladies Aid.
A business meeting of the Ladies Aid society of the First M. P. church was held at the church Wednesday afternoon. New officers were elected for the coming year, viz: President, Mrs. Laura Smallwood; first vice president, Mrs. Hattie Poling; second vice president, Mrs. Minnie Hovatter; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Cox; reporter, Mrs. Lena Goodnight; flower committee, Mrs. Margaret Shoemaker.

Returned from Grafton.
Mrs. Prim and son Clarence Prim, of Maryland avenue, returned from Grafton yesterday where they attended the funeral of F. C. Prim who died at Ashland, O. Interment was made at Grafton.

Epworth League Social.
The informal at home social given by the Epworth League of the Diamond Street church in the social rooms of the church on Tuesday evening in honor of Julian Stealey of Camp Shelby, was greatly enjoyed by all present. Large numbers of the league members were in attendance and several special friends of the hostess were present. There were interesting amusements and Mr. Stealey gave a splendid talk of camp life at Hattiesburg that was very much enjoyed. He also read an original poem entitled "On to Berlin" which was excellent. At the close of the entertainment refreshments were served.

Interesting Meeting.
A very interesting meeting of the Foreign Missionary societies of the Diamond Street church was held at the home of Mrs. Wells Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Cecil sang a solo entitled, "The Lord is My Shepherd." An interesting letter was read by Miss Emma Layman from a little girl in the mission at Toochow, China. Mrs. John L. Leach also read a letter from an Indian girl. A poem was read by Mrs. Earl Phillips. It was decided at this meeting to devote some time to the making of Layettes for French war orphans. Refreshments were served.

PERSONALS.
J. D. Cox, of Morgantown avenue, who has been ill a couple of weeks, is improving rapidly.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hawkins in Haymond street.

Misses Grace and Edna Kennedy, of Fairview, were recent guests of Miss Catharine Cox in Morgantown avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Radford are recovering from a few days illness.

T. B. Henderson, manager of the South Penn coal mine near Morgantown, was in the city yesterday.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

Congressman Stuart F. Reed, who was a guest of the Fairmont Coal club at luncheon Wednesday, commented upon the fact that he was positive that certain things were wandering through the minds of those who heard him but regretted that he could give no definite answer to the unspoken query.

"You are wondering when all this war trouble will be over? Well—I don't know!"

Clarence D. Robinson, newly elected vice president of the Fairmont Coal club, is not one of those who believe that the country is going to the bows. He was discussing the income tax law with other coal men and summed it up:

"The government will do the fair thing; there need be no uneasiness. If it don't get it at first it will try again."

George W. Dudder, secretary of the Clarksburg Board of Trade emphasizes the determination of the West Virginia Gas Consumers' Association to look after the domestic consumer in the coming fight to be waged against interests which are piping West Virginia gas to other states and caring little about the people in the state where it is produced.

"The interest of the domestic consumer are of equal importance to those of industrial consumers. If not more important. Every movement being made in Clarksburg has the interests of the domestic consumer at heart."

CHILD GETS SICK CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

"CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF FIGS" CAN'T HARM TENDER STOMACH OR BOWELS

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, jiver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has some trouble or any other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is often the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has all directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."



Don't wear a veil to cover up skin trouble

Resinol makes sick skins well

Is your appearance marred by unsightly patches of eruption? There is no need of enduring such discomfort because, unless it is due to some serious internal condition, Resinol Ointment is almost sure to clear the trouble away—promptly, easily, and at little expense.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

RUFF STUFF

Washington says the government is going to name a controller for the oil industry.

Hope they go a few miles further away from the Standard gang than they did when they named a certain natural gas controller that we got of.

"All street obstructions must be removed."—Headline.

Wonder if that includes the curb stone and street corner loafers?

If it does the boys will not know the town when they come home from the army.

C. W. in Washington picking out a senatorial candidate, they say.

Time to take politics out of the moth balls and give it an airing.

This is a campaign year, and some